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METHOD OF ETCHING

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner For Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 15, 1999, please amend the ication as follows: identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 5, line 36, change "2" to --22--.

Page 7, line 22, change "satisfactorily" to --satisfactory--.

Page 9, line 35, change "hear" to --near--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 4 to 14, which read as follows:

--4. The etching method according to claim 1, wherein the etching gas supply rate

is 8.4 sccm to 16.9 sccm for a substantial volume of one liter of the reaction chamber.

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